

**DRAFT Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of Llandybie Community Council on Zoom on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors	P.H. Roberts	Mrs K.D.L. Davies	S. Roberts
	Mrs S.E Thomas	Mrs C. R. Thomas	R.W. Barnes
	R.A. Davies	J.W. Tandy	D. Thomas
	D. W. Hopkins	N. C. Davies	Mrs A.J. Evans
	A. W. Jones	E. W. Nicholas	G. J. Davies
	E. Davies	A. L. Thomas	H. Davies

**Attending online** There were none.

**Apologies** I. Rh Llewelyn

**Not Present** There were none.

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**Welcome to the newly elected Saron Ward Councillors.**

Chair, Cllr C. R. Thomas welcomed the newly elected Councillors of the Saron Ward, Cllr N. C. Davies and Cllr A. L. Thomas, both gave an introductory talk about their varied backgrounds in terms of careers and family life and background.

The addresses were well received and Cllr C. R. Thomas wishes them the best of fortune in their new roles.

**Opening Welcome and Chairman's annual report**

Councillor C. R. Thomas (the outgoing Chair of the Council) welcomed Members to the meeting and said that she had enjoyed her time as Chair of the Council and felt that many important milestones had been achieved.

The Chair referred to the excellent work carried out by the Council during her year of office and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support.

She further wished the incoming Chair well in his term in office.

It was **resolved** to formally accept the annual report of the Chairman for 2022/2023 which emailed to Councillors prior to meeting.

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**Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

The Clerk started by going through the detail of the Standing Orders outlining the rotation of the wards for eligibility to be considered for nomination and it was agreed that nominations should be accepted from the Penygroes Ward.

There were no objections to Cllr D. Hopkins being nominated Chair and this was accepted unanimously.

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Chair

The Clerk explained that all 5 Penygroes Councillor were eligible to be nominated as all had served more than 2 years and that it was for Councillors to decide whether once nominees were identified that they vote by a show of hands or via secret ballot.

Cllr C. R. Thomas felt that due to the sensitive nature of the vote and to protect goodwill that a secret ballot be undertaken. This proposal was seconded by Cllr S. Roberts.

Cllr K. D. L. Davies nominated Cllr S. E. Thomas and this was seconded by Cllr G. J. Davies. Cllr P. H. Roberts nominated Cllr J. Tandy and this was seconded by Cllr C. R. Thomas.

Ballot slips were distributed by the Administrative Officer which were returned and counted, Cllr E. Davies who attended on Zoom texted his nomination to the Clerk.

The Administrative Officer counted the votes and Cllr S. E. Thomas received 6 votes and Cllr J. Tandy received 10 votes.

It was **resolved** that Councillor Cllr D. Hopkins be appointed as Chair and Councillor Cllr J. Tandy as Vice Chair. They were then sworn into Office. Councillor C. R. Thomas stepped down and the new Chair, Councillor D. Hopkins took over as Chair of Council.

The Chair thanked outgoing Chair Cllr C. R. Thomas for her work during the previous year and hoped that he could continue the work his predecessor had done.

The new Chair further addressed the Councillors about the importance of Declarations of Interest Forms and the need to complete them.

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### **Appointment of Committees**

It was **resolved** to elect the below mentioned Councillors to serve on the following Committees with amendments noted to explore by the Clerk:

#### **Finance Committee**

Llandybie: R.A. Davies and E. Davies  
Saron: N. C. Davies and Mrs K.D.L. Davies  
Penygroes: D. Thomas and P. H. Roberts  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

#### **Planning Committee**

Llandybie: E. W. Nicholas and S. Roberts  
Saron: Mrs K.D.L Davies and Mrs A.J. Evans  
Penygroes: R.W. Barnes, D. Thomas  
Heolddu: As Councillor I. Rh. Llewelyn was employed at the Planning Department of the County Council it was **resolved** to co-opt Councillor P. H. Roberts on to the committee.

#### **Rights of Way Committee**

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Chair

Llandybie: S. Roberts and E.W. Nicholas  
Saron: N. C. Davies and Mrs A.J. Evans  
Penygroes: J.W. Tandy, P. H. Roberts  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

### **Community Development Committee**

Llandybie: E.W. Nicholas and A. L. Thomas  
Saron: C. R. Thomas and G.J. Davies  
Penygroes: Mrs S.E.Thomas and R.W Barnes  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

### **Environment Committee**

Llandybie: S. Roberts, H. Davies  
Saron: G. J. Davies,  
Penygroes: D. Thomas, Mrs A. J. Evans, A. L. Thomas  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

### **Policy Committee**

Llandybie: H. Davies, A. L. Thomas  
Saron: Mrs A.J. Evans  
Penygroes: P. H. Roberts  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

### **Committee to raise the profile of the Council**

Llandybie: A. W. Jones, S Roberts  
Saron: A. L. Thomas, N. C. Davies  
Penygroes: Mrs S.E. Thomas and P. Roberts  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

### **Employment Committee**

Llandybie: A. Jones and R.A Davies  
Saron: K. D. L. Davies and Mrs A.J. Evans  
Penygroes: D. Thomas and Mrs S.E. Thomas  
Heolddu: I. Rh. Llewelyn

### **Parks and Play Areas**

Llandybie : E. W. Nicholas and R.A Davies  
Saron: N. C. Davies and Mrs A. J. Evans  
Penygroes: R.W. Barnes and Mrs S.E. Thomas  
Heolddu: I.RH. Llewelyn

It was **resolved** that the Terms of Reference for every committee should be reviewed by the policy committee and their recommendations ratified at Full Council.

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#### **Representatives on External Bodies**

It was **resolved** that the following Members would represent the Council on external bodies:

Carmarthenshire One Voice Wales: E. Davies and Mrs C. Thomas

One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee: I. Rh. Llewelyn

Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association: D. Hopkins

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority: I.Rh. Llewelyn

Governing Body of Saron Primary School: Mrs C. R. Thomas

Governing Body of Penygroes Primary School: J. Tandy

Governing Body of Blaenau Primary School: P. H. Roberts

Governing Body of Llandybie Primary School: S. Roberts

Governing Body of Parcyrhun Primary School: J. Tandy

Governing Body of Gorslas Primary School: J. Tandy

It was **resolved** that in the matter of the Governing Body of Gorslas Primary School: J.W. Tandy to be recommended again to the governing body. Cllr J. W. Tandy wanted it noted that he had still not been invited to any meetings.

It was **resolved** the Clerk write to the school and enquire if this matter could be rectified.

It was confirmed that the Chair, Vice Chair and previous year's Chair be Members of all Council committees, as was **resolved** previously.

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#### **Council and Statutory meeting dates for 2023/24**

Members **resolved** that meetings would continue to be held on the last Wednesday of each month except for August and December when there would be no meetings. It was further **resolved** that additional meetings in January and September on the first Wednesday of the month would also be held but left to the discretion of the Chair

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Chair

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and Clerk to decide if a meeting was warranted. The Statutory meeting would be held prior to the May 2025 Ordinary meeting.

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### **Signatories**

The Clerk explained that Cllr K. D. L. Davies, Cllr S. Roberts and Cllr E. Davies were currently undertaking the role of authorising payments.

It was **resolved** that Councillors S. Roberts, K. D. L. Davies and E. Davies be retained as signatories.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.